



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
 Sam E. Kinney Jr., et al. ) Examiner: Bashore, Alain L.  
 Application No.: 09/490,867 ) Art Unit: 3624  
 Filed: January 24, 2000 )  
 For: Method And Apparatus For Correcting )  
 Failures With Participant Isolation In )  
A Dutch Auction )

Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a)

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a three month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed September 27, 2004, for which a three month response period expiring on December 27, 2004, was set. The extended period expires on March 27, 2005.

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A check for \$1020.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for a three month extension of time. If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666. A duplicate of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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